

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

*In reply to a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the Removal of the
Creek Indians, contracts made for that purpose, &c.*

MAY 14, 1836.—Read.

MAY 16, 1836.—Ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 12, 1836.

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 9th instant, I have the honor to report that a contract was made for the removal of the Creek Indians, a copy of which is among the documents transmitted to Congress with the message of the President of the United States of December 8, 1835, being No. 3 of the documents sent by the Commissary General of Subsistence, and is to be found in the 298th page of the message and documents above mentioned. The parties to the contract and the terms are therein set forth.

I transmit, also, the copy of a report from the Commissary General, which shows the authority under which the contract was made. And I beg leave to add, that the power was exercised by virtue of the act of May 28, 1830 ; of the treaty with the Creek Indians of March 24, 1832 ; and of the acts of appropriation of March 3, 1833, and of the 16th of June, 1834. No advertisement or public notice was given previously to the execution of the contract. It may be proper to state, that recent information from Colonel Hogan, the superintending agent, leads to the belief that the contractors have found the sum of twenty dollars insufficient for the removal of each Indian, and it is his opinion that they will not proceed in its execution unless that amount is increased.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

LEW. CASS.

Hon. M. VAN BUREN,
President of the Senate.

EMIGRATION OF INDIANS.

OFFICE COM. GEN. OF SUBSISTENCE,

December 31, 1835.

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of the honorable Mr. Bell's letter of the 28th instant, written by direction of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and referred by you to this office.

The authority under which this office made a contract with a company of gentlemen in Georgia for the removal of the Creek Indians, was derived from the President of the United States, as will appear from the copy of the contract communicated for the information of Congress.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.

GEO. GIBSON, C. G. S.

The honorable LEWIS CASS,
Secretary of War.